

Bridgewater Halloween Trick or Treat Event 2015



On Friday October 30th, Mayor Hayes and the Bridgewater Township



Council hosted the 3rd Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Event. The Bridgewater Halloween Trick or Treat is an event put together by the Bridgewater Recreation Department. Elected Officials in attendance included: Councilman Norgalis, Councilman Moench, Councilwoman Rose, Councilman Pedroso, and Freeholder Scaglione. It was a night full of family fun and festivity including music, candy, and fun games!

Volunteers from Bridgewater United SC, BSA, Bridgewater Softball & Baseball, Bradley Gardens Little Loop, Bridgewater Lacrosse, Bridgewater Football League, Bridgewater-Raritan Pop Warner, Emergency Services, Martinsville Community Center, Bridgewater Recreation Board, Bridgewater Wrestling, Bridgewater Municipal

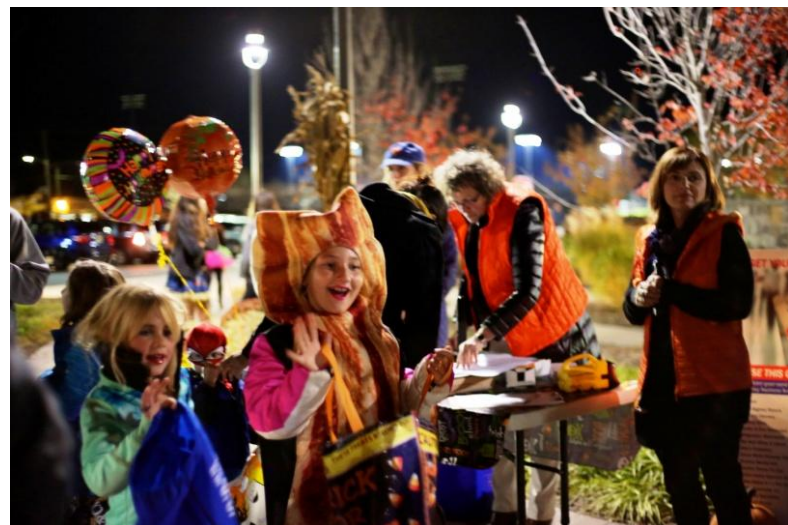
Alliance, Somerset Animal Shelter, Bridgewater Senior Center, Bridgewater Clean Communities, and Shop Bridgewater helped distribute candy to the children. Donations for the event were made by Provident Bank, Wegmans, Soccer Centers, Somerville Martial Arts, and the Evolution Training Center.



Mayor Hayes stated, "This is one of my favorite times of the year. I was thrilled by the Township turnout. People of all ages came to the Halloween Fest dressed in elaborate costumes. It's one of those events that gives us a united small town feeling that we cherish."



Mayor Hayes would like to thank everyone who attended the Halloween Trick or Treat as well as thank all the sponsors, whose donations made this event possible. Mayor Hayes would also like to thank the Department of Public Works for adding the more thrilling attractions and the CERT team volunteers.





Township Celebrates Diwali at Senior Center

On Saturday November 14th, Mayor Hayes, joined by Council President Norgalis, attended the 2nd Annual Diwali celebration at the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Center. Diwali is referred to as the “Festival of Lights.” The illumination of homes with lights and the skies with firecrackers is an expression of obeisance to the heavens to attain good health, wealth, knowledge, peace and prosperity. The celebration signifies the victory of light over darkness and celebrates



hope and new beginnings.

Mayor Hayes had the honor of beginning the ceremony by lighting the lantern and saying a few words. Performances included carnatic vocal songs by Asha Chandaka and Avanthika Srinivasan, who was



accompanied on Mridangam by Ram Swaminathan, Hindustani vocals by Roma Paranipe accompanied on Tabla by Krishni Akenapalli, a candle dance by the Bhaarat Nritya Academy, a fashion show organized by Pushpa Amin, a Dandiya performance, and Garba dance by the Somerset County Ladies.

The Mayor greatly enjoyed the folk singing and the dances performed, all of which were outstanding, and the traditional lunch provided by Bombay Spice. Mayor Hayes would like to congratulate Rekha Srinivasan, the director of the Bhaarat Nritya Academy, for her recent performance at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Mayor Hayes would like to thank the Director of the Bridgewater Health and Human Services, Christopher Poulsen, as well as everyone who helped coordinate and make the

event possible- Ms. Kanaka Tadikola, Rekha Srinivasan, Pushpa Amin, Bombay Spice, and all the performers.





